

Capsule Summary
SM-531
St. Peter's Church Rectory
Leonardtown
Private

c. 1880s

Saint Peter's Rectory is a two-story, three-bay, side-passage, Italianate-style dwelling located on Lawrence Avenue in Leonardtown, Maryland. Constructed in c. 1880s, the building served as the Rectory for nearby Saint Peter's Church from c. 1883-1921. While holding important ties to Leonardtown's Episcopal community, the building's architectural form also demonstrates the lag in architectural styles in rural areas. Other buildings with similar exterior decorative schemes include Eldon (SM-338).

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-531

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Episcopal Rectory Lot

and/or common St. Peter's Episcopal Church Rectory

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 3

state Maryland _____ county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James B. Hooper

street & number P O Box 161 _____ telephone no.: (301) 274-3080

city, town Bryantown, MD _____ state and zip code Md 20617-0161

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse _____ liber MRB 221

street & number _____ folio 391

city, town Leonardtown _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resources: 2

St. Peter's Rectory is located approximately 75 feet north of the intersection of Lawrence Avenue and Church Street within the corporate limits of Leonardtown. Situated on a town lot, the dwelling is bounded on the west by Lawrence Avenue, on the east by St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and on the north and south by residences. It is setback about 30 feet from the street and a small driveway wraps around its southern side to a rear courtyard where a board-and-batten carriage barn or garage occupies the southeast corner of the lot.

The Rectory, constructed in the 1880s, is a two-story, three-bay, frame building with a two-story, two-bay side ell that features several Italianate stylistic details. The building rests on a masonry foundation encased with a concrete stucco, the walls are sheathed with aluminum siding, and the hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles and pierced by a single interior brick chimney. The building has been extensively modified since it was constructed in the late-nineteenth century as the interior has been divided into several apartments.

The west or primary elevation consists of the three-bay main block and the two-bay side-ell. On the first floor of the main block, a shed roof addition projects from the wall surface. This addition features a recessed, modern door flanked by two, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows each with a pair of louvered, aluminum shutters. The second floor exhibits three, two-over-two, windows, but they do not have shutters. The enclosed cornice is decorated by a series of scroll-sawn brackets. The first floor of the side-ell consists of an extension that contains a modern door and one-over-one window. To the south of this extension is another one-over-one window that is flush with the wall surface. The second floor features two, one-over-one windows.

The south elevation features the side of the main block and side-ell. The main block features a two-over-two window on each floor. The side ell exhibits a single, one-over-one window on the first floor, while the second floor has a pair of sliding glass doors that open to a porch.

The east elevation of the main block and ell has been extensively altered by several additions. The main block exhibits a two story, one-bay addition with an exterior brick chimney flue near its northeastern corner. This addition consists of a one-over-one window on the first floor and a two-over-two window on the second floor. The main block also exhibits a one story, shed roof addition that is located near the juncture of the main block and side-ell. On the first floor, this addition features a modern door and a one-over-one window. The ell also features a one story, two-bay, shed roof addition. The bays consist of a modern door and a one-over-one window. The second floor of the ell, contains two, one-over-one windows.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM-531

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Saint Peter's Rectory is a significant, Italianate-style dwelling that served as a Rectory for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Leonardtown. But while having important ties to Leonardtown's Episcopal community, the building's architectural form also demonstrates the lag in architectural styles in rural areas. An earlier building with a similar exterior form and decoration is Eldon (SM-338).

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-531

History Files. St. Andrews Church, St. Andrews Church Road, California, Maryland.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .28 acres

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See as per deed reference.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning

date October 1996

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city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

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7.1 Description

The north elevation features two, two-over-two windows on each of the two floors. On the first floor, however, a modern door has been installed to provide entry into one of the apartments.

The carriage barn or garage, located in the southeast corner of the lot, is constructed of vertical boards and vertical battens nailed together using fully-formed cut nails. It features a double-door entry on its west elevation and a swinging door on the second floor of its north elevation.

The interior was not accessible at the time of the visit, but it has been greatly altered to accommodate several apartments.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: MRB Liber 221, Folio 391

Grantee: Michael H. Lasher, James B. Hooper, Patrick G. Lasher

Grantor: Peter Michael, Michael H. Lasher, James B. Hooper, and Patrick G. Lasher

Date: June 24, 1985

Note: The property is listed as containing .28 acres.

Reference: MRB Liber 221, Folio 386

Grantee: Michael H. Lasher, James B. Hooper, Patrick G. Lasher

Grantor: Patrick H. Pierce and Gwendolyn M. Pierce

Date: June 24, 1985

Note: The purchase price is listed as \$85,000.

Reference: MRB Liber 55, Folio 406

Grantee: Patrick H. and Gwendolyn M. Pierce

Grantor: George R. and Dorothy E. Sparling

Date: October 10, 1979

Note: The purchase price is listed as \$62,000.

Reference: MRB Liber 17, Folio 243

Grantee: George R. and Dorothy E. Sparling

Grantor: Felix R. and Santiago Laurel

Date: July 24, 1978

Reference: CBG Liber 207, Folio 3

Grantee: Felix R. and Santiago Laurel

Grantor: Robert F. Gabrelcik and Henry Thomas Waring

Date: March 1, 1974

Reference: CBG Liber 118, Folio 212

Grantee: Robert F. Gabrelcik and Henry Thomas Waring

Grantor: George C. and Doris J. Miles

Date: February 18, 1965

Reference: CBG Liber 30, Folio 355

Grantee: George C. and Doris J. Miles

Grantor: Willard H. and Ethel J. Cullen

Date: May 1, 1951

Reference: CBG Liber 21, Folio 19

Grantee: Willard H. and Ethel J. Cullen

Grantor: Roland B. Duke, Inc. (Successors to Duke and Raley, Inc.)

Date: February 3, 1947

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8.2 Significance

Reference: CBG Liber 18, Folio 311

Grantee: Duke and Raley, Inc.

Grantor: Catherine D. Davis, widow, Frances D. Coppage, divorced, both of Baltimore, Francis B. Duke, unmarried, Angela Duke (also known as Sister Benedicta) of Roanoke, Virginia, all heirs at law of Mary C. Hancock formerly Mary C. Herbert

Date: April 16, 1945

Note: The lot is referred to as being formerly a part of the Tudor Hall Estate, but lately called the Episcopal Rectory lot.

Reference: EBA Liber 20, Folio 264

Grantee: John T. and Mary C. Herbert

Grantor: Vestry of St. Andrews Parish

Date: October 25, 1921

Note: The purchase price for the property is \$2,500

Reference: JFF Liber 7, Folio 105

Grantee: Vestry of St. Andrews Parish

Grantor: Asa A. and Anna G. Lawrence

Date: December 18, 1883

Reference: JFF Liber 4, Folio 361

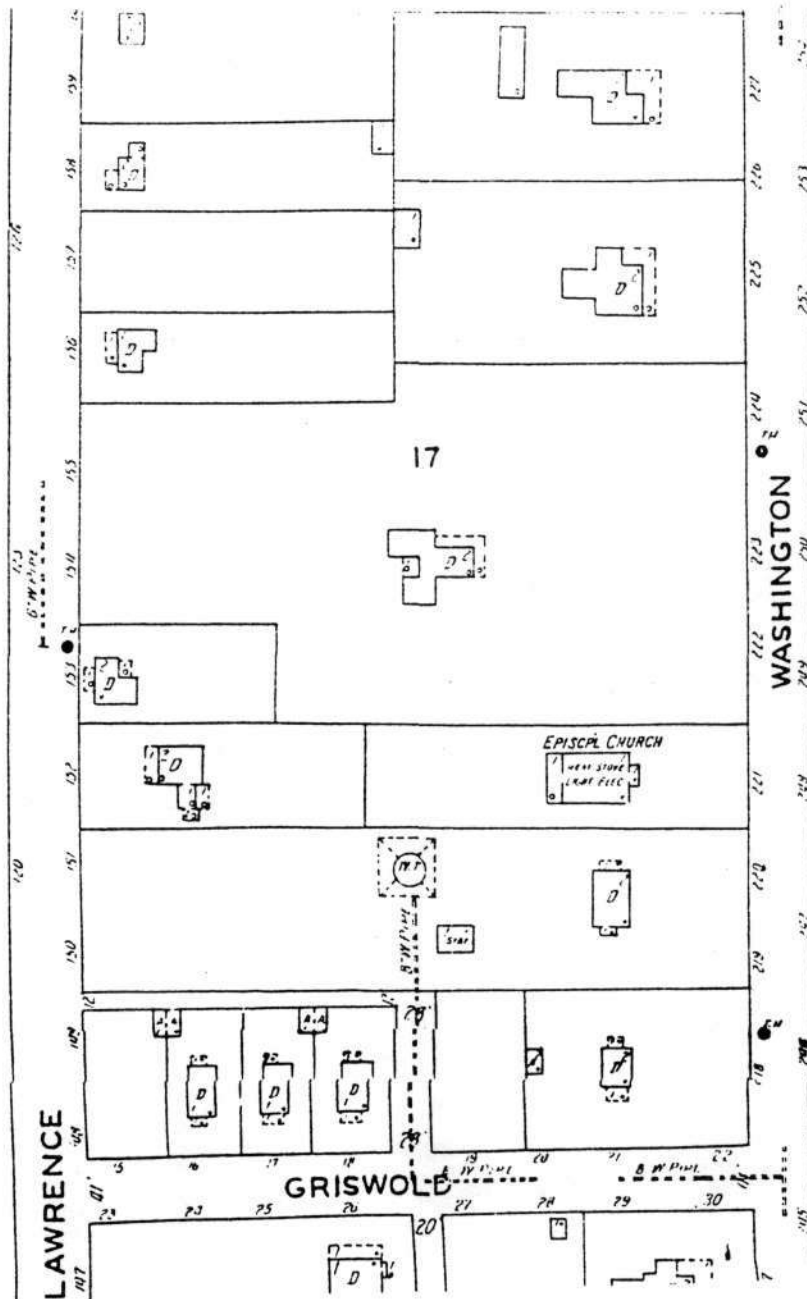
Grantee: Asa A. and Anna G. Lawrence

Grantor: Joseph H. Key and Robert C. Combs

Date: December 22, 1880

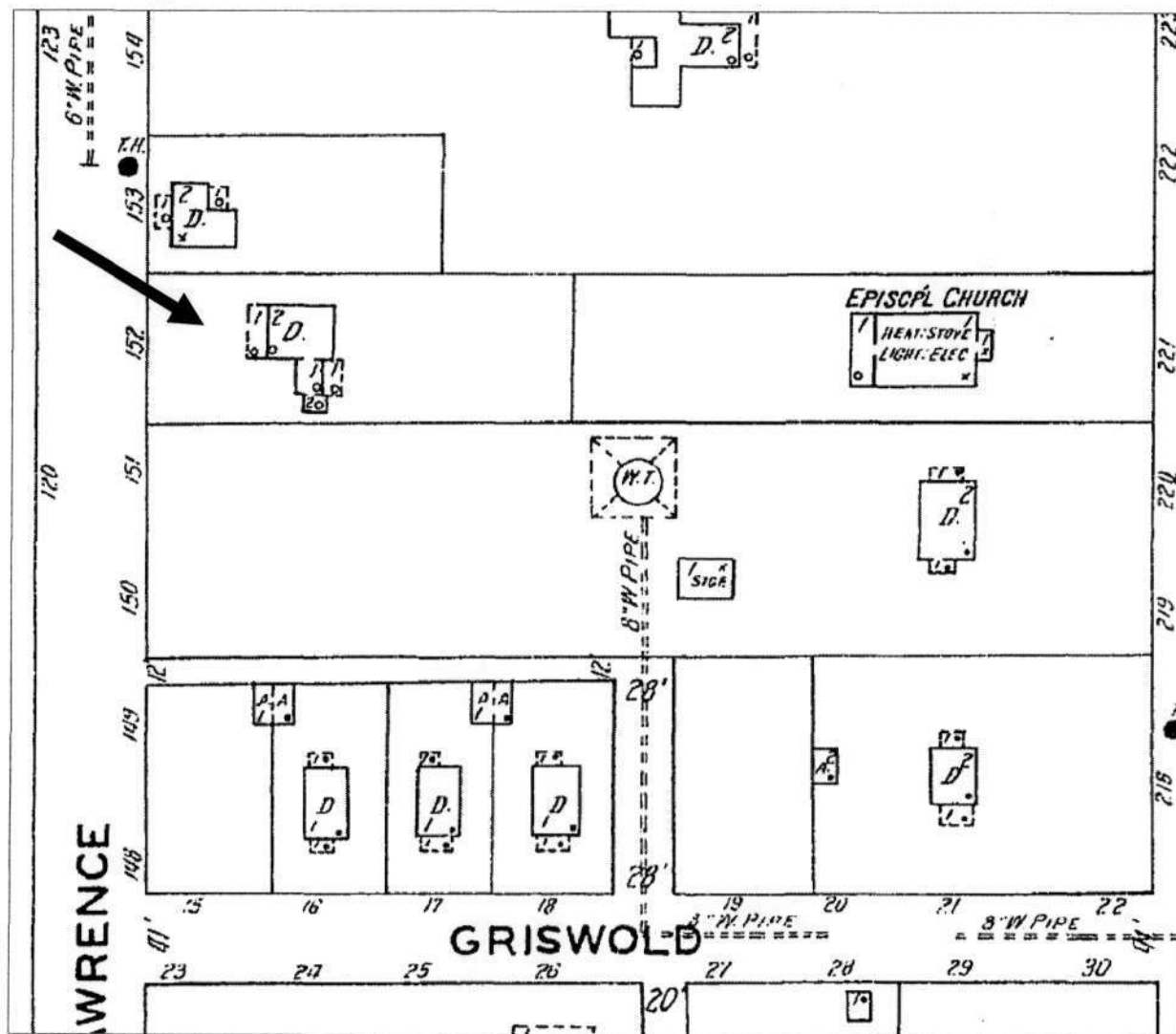
Note: Key and Combs give the right and title to the land through a deed of conveyance to Asa and Anna Lawrence. Key and Combs are representatives of Maria L. Key who originally sold the property to the Lawrences but did not convey it. The deed notes that this property is on Chunn's Survey, Lot #1 as a part of the Tudor Hall Estate. It also makes reference to an Equity Case dated May 11, 1875, James Smith, plaintiff and Joseph H. Key and David S. Briscoe, defendants (executors for A. G. S. Key) and recorded in Decree Record JFF 2, Folio 1.

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 8.2 Significance



1928 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map of Leonardtown showing St. Peter's Church Rectory.

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 St. Peter's Episcopal Church Rectory
 22840 Lawrence Avenue, Leonardtown
 Sanborn Map, 1928



Topographic map of Leonardtown, Maryland, showing the location of SM-531. The map includes contour lines, roads, and buildings. A callout box labeled 'SM-531' points to a specific location in the town. Other labels include 'Leonardtown (BM 87)', 'Father White Sch', 'St Aloysius Ch', 'New St Cem', and 'Town'.



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St. Peter's Episcopal Church Rectory

St. Mary's County, Md

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W + S elevations

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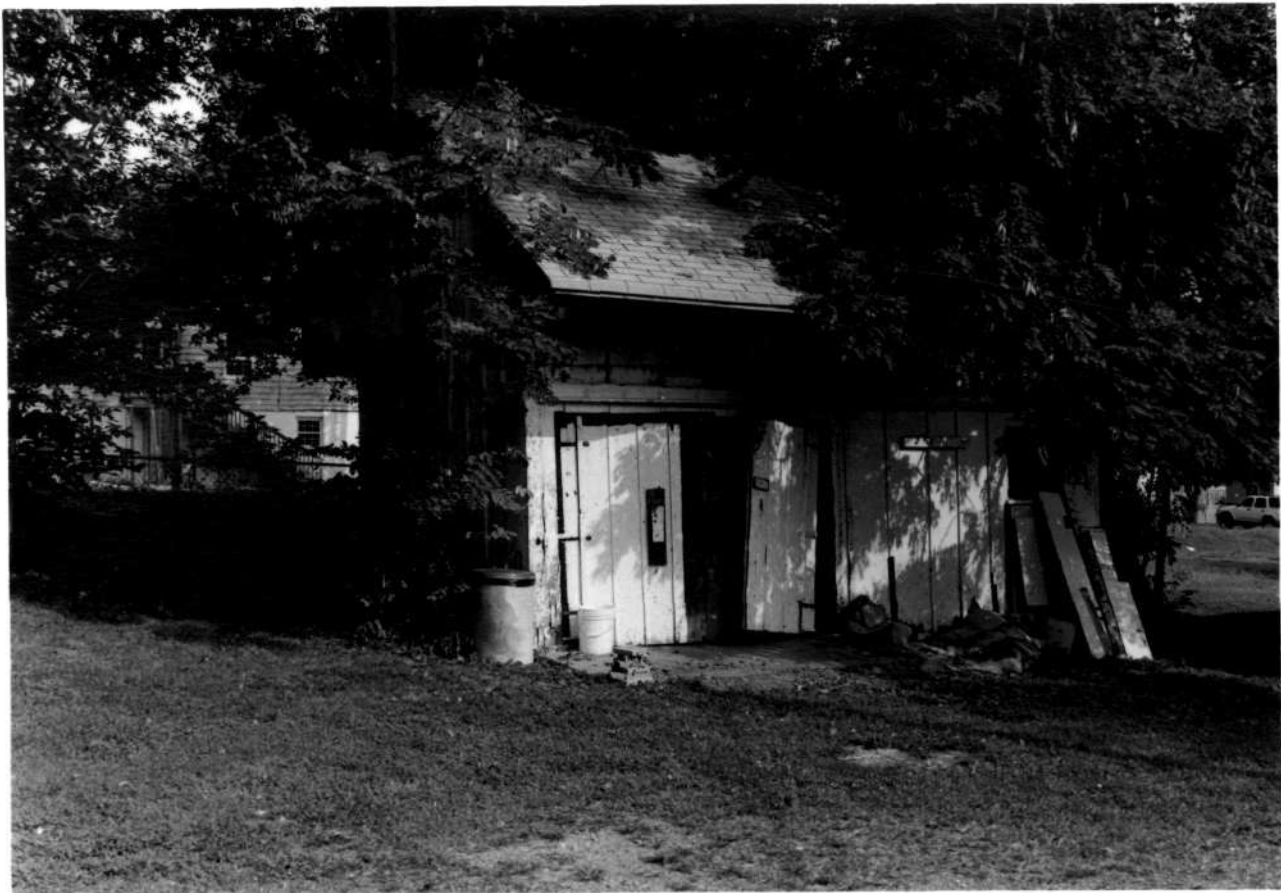
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E. elevation

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Board & batten carriage house

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